

# 3RD CORPS SUPPORT COMMAND

## SUSTAINING THE LINE!



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### Whatever It Takes- Unlocking Your "Can Do" Attitude in 2006!

1. Happy New Year to the 3<sup>rd</sup> COSCOM Team! As I have had the opportunity to conduct battlefield circulation this past quarter, I have been impressed with the morale and focus of our Soldiers and Leaders. Thank you for all that you have done and will do in the weeks and months ahead.

2. Our team is spread across Germany, Afghanistan, Kuwait, and Iraq. Without doubt, 2006 will be a year of many changes. There will be more deployments, re-deployments, inactivations, restationing, reintegration, reunions, PCS's, ETS's, retirements, promotions, and the list could go on and on. I encourage all of us to look at 2006 as a year of personal and professional growth, and to have a "Can Do" attitude. Remember, your attitude determines your altitude!

3. I recently listened to a John Maxwell motivational CD and I want to share with all of you ten *simple* tips for unlocking a "Can Do" attitude:

Tip #1: "Dis-own your helplessness"

- uncover creative solutions
- "dis-own" the "woe is me" attitude
- make NO excuses
- take full responsibility for your life
- prefer giving than receiving

Tip #2: "Take the bull by the horns"

- fearless
- go straight to the source
- don't wait, initiate

Tip #3: "Enter the 'NO WHINING' zone"

- abstain from complain
- "yesterday was the deadline for all complaints"
- don't blame, complain, or explain (defensive)

Tip #4: "Put on a new pair of shoes"

- empathize to understand another's position, viewpoint, and perspective
- exchange principle: instead of putting others in their place, put yourself in their place
- leaders see things from their perspective to give direction/guidance/vision and use other's perspective to give connection (listening). We must do both.

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Tip #5: "Nurture your passion"

- find a passion and follow it
- put everything you have, into everything you do
- if you really love what you do, you will never work another day in your life
- passion fuels vision

Tip #6: "Walk the 2<sup>nd</sup> mile again"

- give the extra effort again
- achieve the unimagined
- exceed the expectation
- demand more of yourself than anyone else
- do your job and then some

Tip #7: "Quit stewing and start doing"

- take action
- demonstrate initiative

Tip #8: "Go with the flow"

- "Can Do" people are willing to adjust to change
- it is not about what happens *to* me...it is about what happens *in* me
- blessed are the flexible for they shall not be bent out of shape

Tip #9: "Follow through to the end"

- the bookends to your work should be: "initiate" and "complete"
- have the will to finish

Tip #10: "Expect a return as a result of your commitment"

- commitment precedes everything...resources follow resolve
- commitment is the key

4. Thanks for what each of you do every day to accomplish our mission in Iraq, Afghanistan, Kuwait and Germany. A special thanks for what each of our Rear Detachments, FRGs and family members are doing to support us while we are deployed.

*"Sustaining the Line with STEADFAST Leadership" and a "Can Do Attitude!"*

*Here's to 2006!  
Hooah!!*

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